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DEPT. FOR THE SECRETARY

FROM THE AMBASSADOR

E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
TAGS: OREP (RUDMAN, W.), PREL, CH, US
SUBJECT: SENATOR RUDMAN'S VISIT TO BEIJING,
- AUG 11-13

REF (A) BEIJING 22622 ✓ ; (B) BEIJING 22551 ✓

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. I WOULD LIKE TO CONVEY PERSONALLY TO YOU THE HIGHEST REGARD I HAVE FOR SENATOR RUDMAN'S HANDLING OF HIS MISSION TO BEIJING. IN HIS TALKS WITH WAN LI AND ZHU QIZHEN, HE PRESENTED IN CLEAR AND FORCEFUL TERMS THE DEPTH OF FEELINGS AMONG THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND CONGRESS AS WELL AS THE LIMITATIONS THIS MAY PLACE ON WHAT WE CAN DO WITH CHINA IN THE FUTURE. HE EFFECTIVELY COUNTERED THE HARD-BALL PITCH THAT THE U.S.

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CREATED THE OBSTACLES AND THEREFORE IT IS SOLELY

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UP TO THE U.S. TO REMOVE THEM. HE RESPONDED THAT IN ORDER TO RESTORE OUR RELATIONSHIP, CHINA MUST AVOID THE CONTINUATION OF REPRESSIVE ACTIVITIES AT HOME AND UNHELPFUL BILATERAL MOVES (EG., VOA JAMMING, CANCELLATION OF FULBRIGHT, PEACE CORPS), AND SHOULD TAKE POSITIVE, CONFIDENCE-BUILDING ACTIONS THAT WILL IMPROVE CHINA'S TARNISHED IMAGE.

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3. RUDMAN REPEATEDLY STRESSED THAT THE PRESIDENT IS INDEED A FRIEND OF CHINA, WANTS TO PRESERVE OUR IMPORTANT RELATIONSHIP, AND WILL DO ALL HE CAN TO ADVANCE THE HEALING PROCESS. THE REALITY IN CONGRESS AND AMONG THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, HOWEVER, IS THAT HE MAY WELL FACE SERIOUS CONSTRAINTS ON HIS MANEUVERABILITY UNLESS CHINA IS RESPONSIVE.

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4. HAVING A SENATOR HERE TO TELL THE CHINESE THIS FACE-TO-FACE WAS TIMELY. HAVING A SENATOR LIKE WARREN RUDMAN WHO SO EFFECTIVELY AND DISPASSIONATELY ARTICULATED CONGRESSIONAL CONCERNS MADE THE MISSION HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL. I BELIEVE THE MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED LOUD AND CLEAR.

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5. I RECOMMEND THAT THE PRESIDENT CONVEY TO SENATOR RUDMAN ON HIS RETURN OUR APPRECIATION FOR A MISSION SUPERBLY CARRIED OUT IN FURTHERANCE OF U.S. POLICY INTERESTS.

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